

# MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MEETING AND GREEN TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 - 7:30 pm – Community Center

Staff liaison: Luisa Robles.

Members present: John Lippert, Matt Dirksen, Eva Fallon, Kim Knox, Kehinde Odebo, Michael Hartman, Trevor Liburd, Matt Berres, Steve Skolnik, Susan Barnett, Konrad Herling

Excused absences: Maggie Cahalan,

Visitors: Jane Young, Jeannie Bellina, Bill Duncan, Peter May, Ian, Lore Rosenthal

## **Call to order Green Team Meeting: 7:30 pm**

Sustainable Maryland Certified – Update on data collection and progress from the students. We need to add more descriptions of actions. We are making good progress but the student's blurbs are not very good. Jeannie Bellina has agreed to help as she is a very good writer and editor. Luisa and Jeannie will get together during working hours to work on this.

Adjourn Green Team Meeting: 8:00 pm

## **Call to order Green ACES meeting: 8:00 pm**

1. Policies and Procedures for Advisory Boards and Committees. Attendance rule. Quorum rule for acceptance of minutes. Green ACES Attendance Policy 2014

Discussion ensued and the group decided on their attendance policy as follows:

- a) Attendance scores will be re-set every year on the first of the calendar year.
  - b) There is a difference between an excused absence and an unexcused absence. Members can excuse their absence by the day of the meeting before 3 pm. Notices given after that time will be counted as unexcused.
  - c) Anyone with three (3) unexcused absences within a year will be immediately taken off the group.
  - d) Anyone with two (2) unexcused absences within a year will receive a warning notice.
  - e) Anyone with 5 absences total will be subject to review by the group.
  - f) Anyone with 4 absences total will receive a warning notice.
2. Greenbriar stream restoration project. Several people have gone to the stream to assess whether a restoration is a good idea. There is a portion of the stream that could use some help, but most of it seems to be stable. A large portion of the group is not convinced that a restoration project here would be a good idea, especially since the plans call for the downing of trees for the staging area.
  3. Labor Day Festival action items – Recommendation letter/email to be sent to PW director and staff; City manager and council re: Trash and recycling must be paired. Solution for having signs at eye level?
  4. Alternative Vehicles presentation to Capt. Schinner was part of a Council Action Request. Council is asking for a recommendation. John will put a power point presentation together, will present to Capt. Schinner and make recommendations.
  5. Announcements
    - A) MEA MSEC Grant progressing. We have plans to change the indoor and outdoor pool lights to LEDs; CC gym, Youth Center gym.
    - B) Rooftop solar challenge. DOE funded. COG - Optony – PG county – standardize and streamline permitting and have it be easily accessible online.

In Greenbelt, Solar viable single family homes = 1,552; Residential potential (MW) = 7.9;  
Electricity offset potential = 4.0%

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- C) Stormwater Solutions – CHEARS, Public Works, Cary Coppock (Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory) and Becki Wolf (ICPRB), Vicky Hageman (CCRIC) and Kristin Larson (Berwyn Heights). – Two organizational meeting have been held. Workshop planned for Saturday, March 15 from 10 am to 3 pm.
- D) Forest Stewardship Program – Street Tree Inventory and Forest inventory finalized. Various ongoing activities. Protection of trees from beavers, controlling English Ivy.  
<http://chears.org/calendar.php?m=2&y=2014>
- E) Report from Sustainable Cities meeting?
- F) Report from Playground Surfaces and toxicity meeting?

Adjournment: 9:15 pm